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reports on vessels and port facilities in Novorossiysk

1. [REDACTED] report, [REDACTED] describing two SKORYY-class destroyers and one naval vessel of unknown type sighted in Novorossiysk [REDACTED] This report also discusses pier repairs in Novorossiysk and a floating dock observed. [REDACTED] 25X1
2. One report containing a description of an unidentified Soviet destroyer observed in Novorossiysk [REDACTED] This report also discusses port controls and an observed navigational buoy not indicated on existing charts. [REDACTED] 25X1

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Area: NOVOROSSISK.

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1. Navy:

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2 destroyers of the Skoriy class were observed lying at anchor at the west side of NOVOROSSISK BAY, about 4 nautical miles south of the entrance to the harbor.

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a naval vessel was observed at anchor approximately three-fourth of a nautical mile northeast of the harbor entrance.

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Description: Probably 400 feet long; the appearance of a cruiser; short forward deck with 2 gun turrets (number of barrels could not be observed); tower; break from the forecastle; great distance from the tower to the forward funnel; 2 similar, comparatively slender, slightly raked funnels; 2 gun turrets on the after deck (number of barrels unknown); many smaller guns and other equipment covered with tarpaulin.

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a destroyer of the Skoriy class lay in the repair shop in the northern part of the harbor.

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2. The Harbor:

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The pier between the GETREIDEKAI (grain quay) and the SCHWIMMDOCK (floating dock) [redacted] is under repair. Diving operations were under way at the inner end of the pier. Concrete pillars have been poured all along the pier, but the deck has not yet been installed.

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A floating dock was lying in the northeastern corner of the harbor; apparently, it was a concrete dock, with an estimated hoisting capacity of 5,000 - 6,000 tons. There was a 3,000-ton vessel in the dock. There is no floating dock at the spot marked SCHWIMMDOCK [redacted]

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Grain loading in the harbor is undertaken at the south side of the GETREIDEKAI, which is equipped with 3 mobile grain "chutes".

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1. The following observations were made from a vessel calling at NOVOROSSISK

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2. The only warship seen was a Russian destroyer which anchored bow and stern between the Eastern Quay and berth 5(a) of the cement pier.

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3. The only unusual feature noticed in the approach to NOVOROSSISK was a round flat-topped buoy not marked on the chart located at point $37^{\circ}.46'.30''$ E $44^{\circ}.36'.44''$ N. From a distance it resembled a mooring buoy.

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Sea Area Brief.Russian Destroyer - NOVOROSSISK.

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1. [REDACTED]
2. Anchored bow and stern between Eastern Quay and Berth 5(a) of the Cement pier, NOVOROSSISK.
3. Moored (i) between berths 8 and 9 of the Import Mole.)
(ii) between berths 6 and 7 of the Import Mole) NOVOROSSISK.
4. Visibility fair to good.
5. No restrictions.
6. Two slightly raked.
7. [REDACTED]
8. About 350 ft.
9. Two. Main pole placed for'ard of aft funnel. Fore tripod placed between for'ard funnel and bridge.
10. Stepped at Bridge. Raked bow.
11. Two twin turrets for'ard est: cal: 4"-5".
12. 'Battery' of torpedo tubes amidships. Other armament not recorded.
13. Large 'Lattice' type aerial on foremast.
14. Resembled [REDACTED] class destroyer in general appearance and might - at a distance - have been mistaken for a light cruiser.
Colour, dark grey.

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